



Coronation celebrations! Crown made by Elsie Evans (Age 9), Hamble Ladies Group and Fejzo family.

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WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

Each year in May we hold an Annual General Meeting where we decide upon our Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year, the groups and committees needed to meet our priorities, and who will serve on outside appointments. I was very proud to be elected as Chair but daunted by the challenge of trying to step into Simon's shoes after his years in the role. I am lucky that Cllr Trevor Dann has been elected as Vice Chair to help keep everything running smoothly.

We are starting the new term with several challenges. Firstly following the sad passing of Tony Ryan we have a vacancy on the Council which we will need to fill. We opened the AGM with a minute's silence marking the loss of a fellow councillor and a popular member of the community who was loved and respected by many. His shoes will be difficult to fill but we will need to advertise the vacancy shortly. If you are interested in joining, please contact me or a member of the Council to understand more about the role. We are keen to encourage people to get involved and with only a year to serve, hopefully it is a manageable commitment.

Although we agreed the dates for our main meetings of Council throughout the year, we are likely to hold the June and July dates in reserve as we are also in the process of recruiting a new Clerk to replace Amanda, who left us at the end of May.

Amanda's contribution to Hamble over the years has been immense. With the challenges of Covid, followed by the demands of the Hamble Airfield application, Amanda's experience and professionalism have proven invaluable in helping us to navigate extremely difficult and often complex matters. In her time as Clerk, she has worked diligently for the village to achieve the very best outcomes for us all. On behalf of Hamble Parish Council, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Amanda for her contribution and expert stewardship and wish her our very best for the future.

Alongside the recruitment activities, we continue to focus on Cemex and its progression to the Regulatory Committee. We hope to have an indication of a date shortly – the main item outstanding is the list of works that Hampshire Highways have asked for in order that the application can be considered suitable from a Highways perspective. We hope it will be published shortly – although we have had that hope since February! The additional time has given us the chance to meet with Eastleigh Borough Councillors and the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group to agree how best to approach the Regulatory Committee when the time comes. Please keep an eye on noticeboards, our website, and social media for further updates.

Cllr Chris Jones

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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COUNCIL LED NEWS

A THANK YOU TO SIMON HAND

The 7-year period during which Simon has been Chair of the Parish Council have been pretty tricky.

Recruiting Amanda as Clerk soon after he took the Chair was very smart... and probably the highlight of his time as Chair! As the leaders of our Council, Simon and Amanda got us through the trickiest issue of all, Covid – which as we know from YouTube videos, was not quite so well navigated by other Parish Councils!

This was after Simon had to take a couple of years out to work on his personal health recovery. I know he spends more time in the gym than your average Olympian even now.

I have to say, Hamble looks better, works better, and probably smells better, than anytime I have known and the whole team, under Simon's leadership, has done a great job for all of us in Hamble.

There is of course Cemex! Whilst we all know that the die was cast 10 years ago with the adoption of the Minerals & Waste Plan by Hampshire County Council, the work that has gone on over the past couple of years has undoubtedly given us the best possible chance of pushing back on that decision.

These are big shoes to fill. Amanda tells me that Simon has never NOT answered a call from her and has been stalwart in support of the work of the whole team.

Simon – on behalf of everyone in Hamble, I would like to give you our thanks for your service and commitment to our village. I am sure your involvement with Parish business will not end anytime soon. It might move sometimes from this table to the pub, but I think it is fair to say that you are one of our village institutions and long may that continue.

Thank you on behalf of us all.

Cllr Chris Jones
Chair of Hamble Parish Council

TONY RYAN

It was lovely to see such a fantastic turnout at the funeral of serving Hamble Parish councillor Tony Ryan, who passed away at home at the end of April.



Tony had been a serving councillor since 2019 and was greatly valued by the whole Council team and the community. He was known throughout the village for his kindness and compassion and would often go out of his way to help others.

Tony was born and bred in Southampton and was a faithful Southampton FC supporter and keen Hampshire Cricket fan. Having attended King Edward VI school, he went on to graduate with a BA Joint Honours in Economics and Journalism at City University, London. Following this, Tony had a successful career in education IT sales.

Tony had lived in Hamble for over 20 years, most recently residing in Sydney Avenue. He was passionate about Hamble and joined the Parish Council because he wanted to improve, support, and maintain our village amenities so that residents and visitors could continue to enjoy Hamble for years to come.

Cllr Simon Hand said "We are all shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the death of Tony Ryan. I have known Tony for approximately 20 years, and he was one of a group of friends who encouraged me to become involved in local politics in the first place, encouragement which I then reciprocated. I am devastated by the news and have lost a dear friend and colleague. He was passionate about Hamble and the local area and had a particular interest in maintaining the local environment and amenities for generations to come. He will be missed by us all."

At this time, our thoughts are with Tony's mother, his family, and his many friends.

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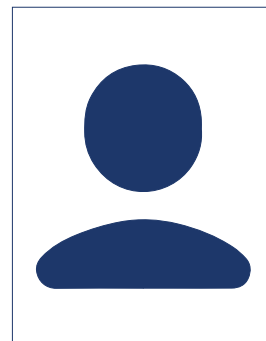
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Councillor Vacancy

COUNCIL BUSINESS OVER THE COMING MONTHS

We are in the process of recruiting a new Clerk but until we do, are likely to make some temporary changes to how we manage our business. This might mean that some meetings are cancelled – in particular the Council meetings scheduled for June and July. We tend not to meet in August, so September is likely to be our next formal meeting as a Full Council. If an urgent item arises or we receive an update regarding the Hamble Airfield application, we will meet if needed.

Some of our Committees might also need to work in a different way, but we will make sure that this information is on our website, our noticeboards, and on social media.

In the meantime, please rest assured that Hamble Parish Council remains dedicated to serving the community's best interests.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this transition. If you have an issue or a query, please either contact the office for advice or get in touch with one of your Councillors.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RANGER'S REMARKS

I think I have just bought the world's worst thesaurus. It's not very good and also, it's not very good!

Spring flowers are fading fast and being replaced by summer blooms such as honeysuckle, which flowers in summer. It has a sweet-smelling fragrance and bees, butterflies, and moths love to feed on its nectar. Did you know that its scent is strongest at night, and moths can detect it up to a quarter of a mile away?

Bats give birth in June so they're busy hunting for insects to provide food for their family. A summer evening is a great time to spot them darting and swooping through the air (you're most likely to see them in woods, and near rivers and ponds, so keep an eye out!)

It wouldn't be summer without the soft 'chirp chirp' of grasshoppers. They make this distinctive sound by rubbing their back legs against their wings. Their legs have rows of little pegs on them which make their wings vibrate, producing the sound. This action is called stridulation. While both male and female grasshoppers can produce the sound, it's usually the male you will hear chirping to attract a mate.

In summer, woods and gardens come alive with delicate, colourful butterflies flitting around the nectar-rich flowers. You can attract butterflies by having healthy flowers and including butterfly houses. By making sure your flowers are healthy you will also help the bee population, which is extremely important to our gardens.

Did you know that Britain has approximately 59 different species of butterflies many of which, with a keen eye, you can spot throughout the year. This is something great to do if you love bird spotting, as it adds to your collection. However, their population is in decline due to the reduction in their natural habitat in addition to an increase in the use of chemicals. With their varied and vibrant colours, elegance and fragile natures, there will always be something utterly compelling about butterflies.

Mark Cowley, Estate Ranger

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Our most recent parish task was to help with planting on the waterfront. Fortunately, there was a large turnout of volunteers and we set about weeding the area and replanting flower beds and tiered pots with seasonal plants. It was clear from comments made by those passing by that our efforts were making a noticeable difference and were much appreciated. Our next task on the waterfront is to renovate the circular oak seat, a popular fixture but requiring regular maintenance.

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and notice boards posted around the Common. Please note that the meeting place for the parish tasks is at the Roy Underdown Pavilion whereas for beach cleans and Eastleigh tasks we meet at the School Lane car park.

If you would like to know more about us, please either visit our website <https://bit.ly/45ozlgV> or contact Philip Rawlinson:

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COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

RIVER RAID SPECTACULAR!

Saturday 20 May saw the annual Hamble River Raid return to Hamble Foreshore. This annual spectacle raises money for local charities and includes a range of water sports such as rowing, kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding. There were approximately 60 entries.



The competitors started from the beach travelling upriver to the Jolly Sailor and back again, covering a distance of approximately six miles. The race set off to coincide with high tide to make things a bit easier.

The fantastic weather brought crowds to watch the race, with spectators also joining the race. We had our usual refreshment Bar and Hog Roast which were very popular, and several craft stalls in the adjoining car park.

A lot of preparation goes into the event every year, but we also rely heavily on volunteers to help us on the day to marshal the river with safety boats, the time keeping, hog roast and the bar. Annette and I would like to thank every single volunteer for their continued support. We really couldn't do it without you.

We also want to thank Hamble Parish Council for their unwavering support for the event on the shore-based area and the Harbour Master for his support and help on the river during the race itself. We also appreciate the support from Mercury Marina in allowing us to launch some of the boats from their slipway. At time of writing, we have not made a final decision on the charities that we will support this year but Hamble Lifeboat will be one of them.



Ann Freeman

BIRD AWARE SOLENT'S SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: OYSTERCATCHERS

With their red-orange bill and black and white plumage, oystercatchers are a stand-out species and easy to spot – you may have seen them feeding on the mud flats of the River Hamble Estuary. Molluscs are their food of choice, and birds take individual approaches to extracting molluscs' fleshy innards from their tough outer shell.

When eating mussels and cockles, some birds will force the tip of their bill between the two shells and lever them apart in a swift twisting motion, while others will simply hammer away until they've made a hole that allows them to access the soft insides.

Once in, they use their bills like scissors and slice through the mollusc's adductor muscle, which holds the shell shut. An oystercatcher's bill adapts to its preferred method – birds that prize shells open have a laterally compressed bill that they can wedge between two shells, whereas the bills of birds that break through the shells of their prey are heavier and blunt.

All this work results in lots of wear and tear, but oystercatchers' bills grow so quickly (around 0.4mm a day – much faster than human fingernails) that it stays just the right length.

They can also be left or right 'handed', striking with their bill from either the left or the right.



Photo Credit: Charlotte Goswell

We can all support oystercatchers and other coastal birds by following the Bird Aware Solent Coastal Code:

- Look out for birds
- Move further away if birds become alert
- Keep dogs alongside
- Follow requests on signs

Find out more about the Solent's coastal birdlife: birdaware.org/solent/



COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Summer now appears to have arrived, bringing some much-welcomed warm weather.

Why not make the most of the beautiful weather and join us at our Summer Jazz Lunch on Sunday 2 July at noon? This lively event is held in the grounds of the Priory Centre and includes a delicious buffet lunch accompanied by a traditional jazz band. There will also be a cash bar with a variety of lagers, ales, wine, spirits, and Pimm's to help get you in the mood. The cost is £21 – for more details and to book a place please call Grant on 023 8045 6265.

Although we do not have a full-time vicar at St. Andrews, services continue as always with a stand in priest.

Why not come along on Sundays for our main Eucharist service at 10am, or Thursday for our shorter service, also starting at 10am? Everyone is welcome and after the services there is tea or coffee, and chat in the Priory Centre. You may meet some new friends!

On the first Sunday of every month, we have the Lighthouse service which is aimed specifically at parents or carers with young children. On Sunday 4 June it will be held at 11.15am, after the main Eucharist service. More details for all events and services can be found on our website: standrewshamble.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at St. Andrews.

HAMBLE PLAYERS



Keep your eyes peeled for last minute tickets! Our Murder Mystery evening 'Who Killed the Hotel Manager' may have some availability during its run from 2-4 June.

Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers or call the Box Office on 02380 440660 for more information and any availability. Tickets are £18.



HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: HAMBLE SHOPS

Most villages have shops for which residents have fond childhood memories. Hamble is no different, with shops like Bevis' and Lynton's. At the Society's next meeting, its Chairman Ian Underdown will be giving a well-illustrated presentation looking back at the shops that have served Hamble in the past, particularly focusing on the 1950s and early 1960s.



At this time Hamble had shops in three main areas: the Village, St Andrew Buildings and at the Coronation, as well as individual shops serving areas such as Sydney Avenue and Satchell Lane. There were also businesses that delivered to your door.

Can you remember Lankester & Crook, Spakes the Butcher, C S Lewis the shoe shop, Hookers the Bakers and Hamble Stores? There are many others, but most of them no longer exist and have been converted into family homes. Why not come along to find out more about the shops that have served Hamble over the years, on Thursday 8 June at 7.30pm.

Our meeting will be held at Hamble Memorial Hall (Rear Hall) at a cost of £2. New members and visitors are always welcomed! If you would like more information please contact the Society's Secretary, Margaret Greenfield 023 8045 4373.

Pop down and be entertained by us at Netley Abbey Infant & Junior School's Summer Fayre on 24 June and keep an eye out for our other activities such as play readings and social evenings throughout the summer months.

Have you seen our new website? Head to www.hambleplayers.co.uk to see up to date news alongside photos from our past productions, plus contact details and much more. If you would like to join, please contact the Membership Secretary, Maria: mariahamble@icloud.com



COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

GIVE WETWHEELS A WAVE!

Give us a wave if you see us on the water. It makes our day!

Wetwheels Hamble (WWH) is a fully accessible powerboat, offering awesome life-affirming boating opportunities to people of all disabilities and ages on a not-for-profit basis. In 2022 we took an amazing 2,800 people out on the water, broadening horizons, and improving mental health and the sense of wellbeing.



WWH works with individuals, families, carers, and groups including schools, clubs, care homes and therapy centres. Our many fabulous experiences include leisurely cruises along the River Hamble, blasting around the Solent, learning how to fish, or discovering the history of Southampton Docks. The trips are sensory, confidence building, educational, and often life changing, and guarantee to put smiles on faces! Get onboard to create special family memories, challenge self-perceptions, and extend your horizons!

We also run themed experiences like Easter Egg Hunts, Pirate Weekends, and Halloween, and can offer Ashes at Sea Ceremonies.



This month we are offering fully funded trips for veterans to show our support for Armed Forces Day. We are planning a Teddy Bear's Picnic and of course are already taking bookings for our infamous

Pirates Weekend which combines with the Bursledon and Warsash Regatta! To see the latest news, find us on Facebook: @wetwheelshamble

WWH is a very stable Cheetah catamaran, with twin 325hp Suzuki engines, creating speeds of 30 knots. A side door provides wheelchair access, and our purpose-built ramp allows everyone to take the helm assisted by our fully qualified skipper.

We would love to help you to get afloat. Contact us via email: office@wetwheelshamble.co.uk, call 07733 944321, or book online at: www.bookeo.com/wetwheelshamble

Our experiences rely on volunteers and funding, so if you have some spare time to join our team, please do contact us. Every penny we raise goes towards offering more life changing experiences, so a donation, however small, will make a huge difference.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/wetwheelshamble



HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

We came together, all 53 of us, to celebrate the King's Coronation. And we did it in style!

Our Coronation street party was held indoors at the Priory Centre with nibbles, cream scones (jam on first of course!), and bubbly to toast the King. Our members flooded in wearing their homemade crowns and tiaras with one thing in mind which was to enjoy themselves and they certainly did.



We had beautiful background music played by Simon Gardiner with a singalong – I must say some of our members can hold a tune. We played silly games and had a great quiz compiled for us by Christine Smith based on the history of our monarchy. It was surprising how much people knew. Prizes were awarded for the winners and the best headdress was won by Lorraine Cole for her beautiful crown. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13 June with Paul Ackland from Hamble Lifeboat. We start at 2pm in the Priory Centre. In July we venture out of the village with a coach trip to Blandford Fashion Museum and a tour of the local church! Why not come along and join us? Everyone is welcome.

Bobby Conduit, 023 8045 3626

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

We have a number of exciting demonstrations for you all in our upcoming meetings.

At our 12 June meeting we will be hosting 'Journey to Creativity', presented by Graham King, a popular NAFAS tutor and demonstrator of crafts and floral designs. Tickets are £8 for members and £10 for visitors.

On 10 July, Paul McNeil joins us to present a talk on 'DNA Journey'. Paul is a local Hamble resident whose company Time Detectives investigates historical and family mysteries for TV and private commissions. Tickets are £5 and proceeds from this meeting will be donated to Hamble Lifeboat.

Everyone is welcome to our demonstrations – both members and visitors. Both occasions will be well worth seeing and hearing so please do come along and tell your friends.

If you're interested in coming along or have any questions, please contact Christine Wright
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GARDENING & CRAFTS AT THE HUB

A big shout out to the gardening team at The Mercury Hub; it's looking absolutely amazing. The space reflects all the hard work put in to transform the open space into a welcoming area to sit and enjoy a cup of tea and have a chat with friends.

Our Tuesday afternoon trial opening from 2pm to 4pm to host a games session is proving popular so a big thank you to the volunteers who are giving up their time to make this happen. We are seeing more children at the Hub which is brilliant! We have invested in some nice craft activities for those coming in on our Wednesday afternoon session (3.30pm to 5.30pm) so why not come along and see what we have? If you haven't visited us yet, please do come along – you won't be disappointed.

As always, a huge thank you to the team of volunteers who give up their time to make sure the Hub is open 6 days a week (twice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays). You are amazing. If you want to become a volunteer, just drop in when we are open for more information.



UPCOMING DATES

Hamble Local History Society Meeting 8 June 7.30pm

A talk on 'Hamble Shops'. At Hamble Memorial Hall (Rear Hall)

Dads Go Free This Father's Day 18 June 11am – 4pm

At The Brickworks Museum

Hamble Primary School Summer Fayre 24 June 11am – 2pm

At Hamble Primary School

Wetwheels: Armed Forces Day Wellbeing Experience 24 June 10am – 5pm

Giving disabled veterans and their families the opportunity to get afloat

Netley Abbey Infant & Junior School Summer Fayre 24 June 11am – 3pm

At Netley Abbey Schools

Walk & Talk 28 June From 10.30am

Meet at The Mercury Hub

Summer Jazz Lunch 2 July Noon

In The Priory Centre grounds, hosted by St. Andrew's Church

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